STATEMENT FOR TOBACCO COMPANIES TO BE USED IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF INGREDIENT INFORMATION TO HHS

On April 2, 1986, the six major American cigarette manufacturers, including the American Tobacco Company, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, Inc., Lorillard, Inc., Philip Morris, Inc., and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, provided the Department of Health & Human Services with a list of ingredients which are added to tobacco in the manufacture of cigarettes. This list was submitted to satisfy the requirements of Section 7(a) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, as amended.

The Act specifically provides that the list of ingredients submitted to HHS need not identify the companies that use individual ingredients or the brands of cigarettes that contain particular ingredients. The Act also directs HHS to treat the information provided to it as confidential trade secret information, and HHS has adopted procedures to ensure the confidentiality of the list. Our company stands ready to assist HHS in its review of the information we have provided. In view of the confidential status of the list, however, it would be inappropriate to comment on specific ingredients used in our products.